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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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TONY CHENG,

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Plaintiff,

No. C 13-02641 JSW

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v.

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SCHLUMBERGER,

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Defendant.

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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST  
FOR COURT ORDER RE PAGE 4  
OF DOCKET 51.**

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On August 30, 2013, the parties appeared before the Court for a status conference. At that status conference, the Court addressed Defendant's request to issues relating to Plaintiff's contacts with its current and/or former employees. (See Docket No. 51 (Opp. to Mot. to Compel Meet and Confer in Person at 4); Docket No. 67 (Minute Entry); Docket No. 70 (Transcript of Proceedings at 9:10-10:4).)

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At the hearing, at the Court's inquiry, defense counsel advised the Court that they were representing Schlumberger Limited. (Transcript of Proceedings at 9:10-15.) The Court concluded that the issue of "affiliates" was not relevant but "the other requests that are contained on page 4 of Docket 51 shall be the order of the Court and will govern [Plaintiff's] ability to communicate with the other side." (Transcript of Proceedings at 9:21-25.) Plaintiff has requested that the Court confirm that page 4 of Docket 51 is an official court order.

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In order to clear up any confusion, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

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1. Plaintiff shall refrain from directly contacting current and/or former employees of Schlumberger Limited. All communications to current and/or former employees of Schlumberger Limited should be directed to said individuals through counsel of record for Schlumberger Limited.

- 1           2. Plaintiff's relatives shall refrain from contacting counsel for Defendant and/or  
2           employees of Schlumberger Limited.  
3           3. The parties are directed to communicate during business hours only, from 8:30  
4           a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
5           4. Any meet and confer conferences required by the Federal Rules of Civil  
6           Procedure, the Court's Local Rules, and/or as ordered by the Court shall be held  
7           between the parties by telephone. Only counsel of record and the parties to this  
8           litigation may be permitted to attend such conferences.

9           Finally, the Court notes that if Plaintiff wishes to communicate with a particular  
10          individual and he has any question as to whether that particular individual is a current and/or  
11          former employee of Schlumberger Limited, he should make that inquiry to counsel for  
12          Defendant in the first instance.

13           **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

14          Dated: October 16, 2013

  
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16           JEFFREY S. WHITE  
17           UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE